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Subject: Please support SB 610

Honorable Representative

Please support SB 610 when it comes before your committee. This bill would allow Michiganders who have passed an extensive FBI background check and waited approximately 6 months to 1 year to own rifles and shotguns that have barrels of less than 16 inches and 18 inches, respectively. The process involves an extensive background check and a \$200 tax to be paid to the ATF. Further, it requires that the chief law enforcement officer of the citizens town be notified as well.

As you can see from above, only a law abiding citizen with a clean record would be willing to go through such measures. The National Firearm Act controls firearms such as the ones described above. Over 40 states currently have the same law on the books as is being discussed in your committee. Public safety is not impacted by allowing background checked Michiganders from owning these firearms. Please respect our Second Amendment and our Michigan Section Six rights to keep and bear arms. This bill respects our rights and also makes sure that all purchasers of these firearms have undergone a background check. It is a win-win bill for supporters of the right to keep and bear arms, and for supporters of gun safety.

Please vote yes in SB 610 when it comes before your committee.

Please enter my email as testimony into your record.

Thank you
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